LSBME RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: July 31, 2012

Time 9:10am

Location: LSBME Office

Recorder: Sue Davis

Present: Raymond Pisani, Doug Greene, Diana Merendino, Brett Stafford, Ken Alexander, Dr. Russell Klein, Dave Vicknair, Dr. Susie Allen, Sheila Guidry, Dr. Judd Shellito,

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
I. Call to order / establish quorum	Quorum established	
II. Approval of minutes	Motion to accept minutes: Ken Alexander	
	2 nd – Brett Stafford	
	Yea - 8, $Nay - 0$, $Abstain - 0$	
III. New Business: Willis-Knight Health	Information only regarding	NA
system	RCP's delivering Papaverine via arterial lines. This	
	was sent to the LSBME for an opinion regarding	
	delivery of this non-controlled medication by RCP's.	
Committee opinions	A question was brought to the committee regarding the time frame for initial patient education on home medical equipment once the patient has received this equipment from an unlicensed person. As it stands there is nothing in the rules and regulations that address a timeline for initial patient education. The committee's opinion is as follows:	Letters to be sent in response to committee's opinions
	While we are in agreement that Respiratory Care Practitioners must perform the initial patient education on home Respiratory care equipment, there are no specific guidelines in the current practice act relative to	
L	a time line. You may want to contact the Department	

of Health and Hospitals Health Standard for clarification related to this matter.

Motion to accept this opinion and forward to the author Desiree Bargky made by Sheila Guidry 2nd: Brett Stafford 8 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain

An request was made to the committee for an opinion on the following questions

- 1. Is it in the scope of practice for Respiratory Therapist to perform finger sticks f and use a glucometer for the assessment of blood glucose?
- 2. Is it in the Scope of practice for Respiratory Therapists to draw venous blood for lab work?

The committee's opinion is as follows

Regarding the assessment of blood glucose using a glucometer, it is the committee's opinion that this is not in our scope of practice.

Regarding drawing venous blood for laboratory studies, the committee fells that it is appropriate if the blood was a part of the ABG panel run by the therapists. It committee feels that general phlebotomy is not in our scope of practice.

Motion to accept this opinion and forward to the author Pamela Oxendine made by Diana Merendino 2nd: Ken Alexander 8 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain

AARC requirements for CE	A question was brought to the committee about the AARC's requirement for CE's relative to specific categories RCP's will need to complete. Raymond Pisani will investigate this further and bring this back to the committee.	Raymond to investigate AARC new CE policy
IV. Old Business Dr. Susie Allen	Update on the LSBME website regarding testing requirements regarding the RCP law for licensure: There is not finalized date for the start of this new process. There is still review to assure that the test questions and answers align with the new respiratory care rules and regulations	
	There were questions regarding using 2 separate tests, 1 for new licensure and one for renewals. There is nothing to prevent that but it has not been determined at this point.	
	Ken Alexander requested that the link for the new Rules and Regulations be sent to the LHA newsletter and posting on the LSRC website for access.	Dave Vicknair well send the links out to Raymond and Ken

	Dr. Allan and Dave Vicknair will work on dispersing the links to the new rule and regulations. Motion was made to update the LSBME website with the new rules and regulations by Diana Merendino Brett State : STAFFORD 8 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain Additional questions regarding allowing new applicants to take the test prior to licensing. The system would not be able to handle temporary ID's for computerized test due to the amount of state applicants.
V. Other Business	No additional business discussed
VI. CEU Audit	Dr.'s Klein and Shellito excused from meeting and CEU audits performed by the remaining committee members.
VII. Next Meeting	No date has been set for the next meeting.
VII. Meeting Adjourned	Motion for meeting to adjourn – Doug Greene 2 nd Brett Stafford. Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Submitted: Sue Davis: August 10, 2012